

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An optical switch comprises a film consisting of a polymer, a keep plate having a switching through hole and driving means. The film has a core linearly extending therein and a notch provided across a switching
10 portion provided halfway the core. The keep plate holds the film to expose the switching portion from the through hole. The driving means is employed for approximating and separating a gap of the notch thereby selecting a route of light. The notch is formed by precedently forming a starting groove on the surface of the film and pressing the switching
15 portion with a pressing member from the backside of the starting groove while holding the film with the keep plate thereby causing cleavage.